

NAVIGATING THE PROCUREMENT ACT 2023 WITH CONFIDENCE

DON'T PANIC!

THE PROCUREMENT ACT 2023 IS HERE TO HELP YOU

The Procurement Act 2023 is set to make your life as a public sector supplier simpler, with greater transparency and better engagement. Think of this as an upgrade – a set of changes designed to benefit both suppliers like yourself and the authorities you work with.

In this short guide, we will explain the key points of the Procurement Act so you can navigate the upcoming changes with ease.



A MORE SIMPLIFIED PROCESS

The changes in the Procurement Act 2023 are meant to make things easier for both suppliers and government authorities. It is about streamlining the process and making it more accessible for suppliers, particularly SMEs and VCSEs.

SEE CLEARLY, ACT CLEARLY

Expect more transparency, better market engagement, and easier access to information at every step of the journey.

EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Keep an eye out for the new Preliminary Market Engagement Notices – they are your chance to share your thoughts and needs before decisions are made and help drive innovation.

**SIMPLER, GREATER
TRANSPARENCY AND BETTER
ENGAGEMENT!**

ONE-STOP SHOP FOR TENDERS

A centralised platform is being developed. Soon, you'll be able to find all opportunities in one place and you'll only need to register your details once for use in any bids.



BETTER VISIBILITY OF OPPORTUNITIES

Large contracting authorities spending over £100m per year will be required to publish pipeline notices for all opportunities worth over £2m within the upcoming 18 months.

STRAIGHTFORWARD BIDDING

The five existing competitive tendering processes will be consolidated into two: the *Open* and the *Competitive Flexible Procedure* which allows the buyer to create a process best suited to the requirements.

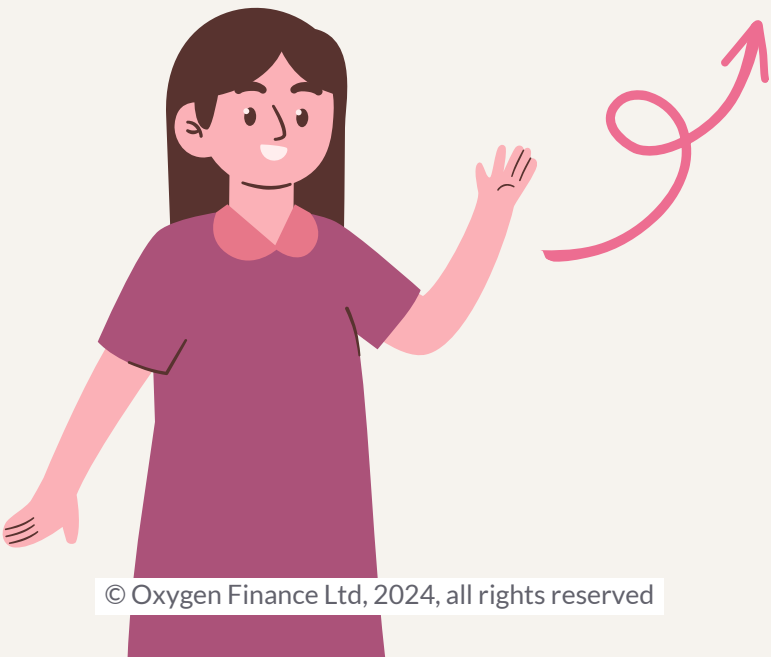
Direct Contract Awards will continue to be allowed in certain circumstances.

PERFORMANCE MATTERS

For new tenders and their resulting contracts above £5 million, key performance indicators (KPIs) will be shared in advance. This will help everyone understand the scale and expectations involved. The performance of the chosen supplier will also be shared publicly.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Keep an eye out for additional notices during the buying and selling process. These will keep you in the loop and enhance the openness and visibility of the whole process.



IMPROVED FEEDBACK

Consistent feedback will be provided on any unsuccessful bids. This will show suppliers how they were assessed, alongside the assessment of the winning bid.

FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORKS

Frameworks are becoming more flexible, and will be visible through the centralised platform. Frameworks will be reopened at points during the contract period to allow new suppliers to join.

WHEN AND WHERE?

The changes will start to roll out from October 2024 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Scottish Government will retain similar but separate regulations.

WORKING TOGETHER

The Procurement Act 2023 is all about making things better. With more information, clearer processes, and improved engagement it will be easier for buyers and suppliers to bid, negotiate and work together.

WE'LL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU UPDATED AS THE CHANGES COME INTO EFFECT, AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

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